

SETS SENIOR LEADER ACTION PLAN

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CATEGORY: Social & Emotional Needs

ISSUE #8: A Supportive School Environment Is Essential

SCOPE: “Fitting in” is the single greatest concern for students as they enter a new high school. Students need the understanding and support from caring adults and from each other. Military installations and school districts need to help each other craft a safety net for students in transition.

CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION: Systems can be developed that are sensitive to new students. An inviting and accepting environment encourages students to become a part of the high school and do their part to contribute to the school community.

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS & ACTIONS	MILESTONES
1. Review the S.I.T.E.S. information in light of the needs of the student in transition. Work more closely with schools to assure that relevant and accurate information is posted.	3 months - 1 year
2. Review school policies that might be made more inclusive	3 months – 1 year
3. Train counselors in the social and emotional needs of military connected high school students	3 months – 1 year
4. Develop a welcome transition packet for students	3 months –1 year
5. Design, develop, implement and support a student sponsorship	3 months – 1 year
6. Enhance installation and school web pages adding a moderated Chat room for students to meet other students and share transition experiences	3 months – 1 year
7. Create, initiate, and support a staff sponsored mentor program	3 months – 1 year
8. Offer multiple orientation programs for students and parents. Repeat the programs during the school year.	3 months-1 year

RESOURCES:

The organization of the various programs to establish a supportive environment will determine the necessary resources and will fix responsibility

FOLLOW-UP:

Periodic review by the superintendent and the installation commander

STATUS RECOMMENDATION: Active**LEAD AGENCIES:**

Department of the Army
Coordinating Committees
School Districts
High Schools

SUPPORT AGENCY:

Department of the Army
Installations
MCEC

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